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FOR ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFMP, UY

SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTION SEMINAR

REFS: 75 MONTEVIDEO 4218, 75 STATE 282526,

1. IN THE REFERENCED MONTEVIDEO TELEGRAM I CALLED YOUR ATTENTION TO TWO ISSUED ON WHICH WE COULD TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH URUGUAY. ONE OF THESE WAS IN RESPONDING AFFIRMATIVELY TO A GOU REQUEST OF APHIS ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING THEIR MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE. ALTHOUGH OUR AGATT HAS HAD AN INFORMAL INDICATION THAT AN APHIS VETERINARIAN WILL BE COMING LATE THIS MONTH, THIS APPEARS TO BE A ROUTINE INSPECTION VISIT, UNRELATED TO THE REQUESTED SEMINAR ASSISTANCE.

2. THE SUMMER DOLDRUMS HAVE NOW SET IN HERE, AND WE HAVE NOT HEARD FURTHER FROM THE GOU. NEVERTHELESS, I BELIEVE THIS IS AN ISSUE WHICH WILL BE RAISED AGAIN SOON, PROBABLY AS SOON AS THE GOU HEARS THAT A VETERINARIAN IS COMING DOWN. AT THAT POINT I DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TOSAY THAT DESPITE THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REQUEST, THE ONLY USG RESPONSE IS ANOTHER ROUTINE INSPECTION TRIP. THUS, I REPEAT WHAT I SAID A MONTH AGO, THAT THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER, AS WELL AS THE INHERENT VALUE OF SUCH A PROGRAM, ARGUES STRONGLY FOR A HIGH LEVEL PUSH NOW TO OVERCOME APHIS' APPARENT RELUCTANCE.

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